Permission to Fly in the Cockpit

2899. SHRI R.P. GOENKA:
SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Minister flies above the law" appearing in the Hindustan Times dated the 24th September, 2001 highlighting violation of safety procedures by allowing passengers into the cockpit in the national carriers;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether a fresh review of the safety precautions has been undertaken recently; and

(d) if so, the details of the revised instructions issued, if any?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Airlines has not received any report regarding travel of any unauthorized person in the Cockpit in its flights in violation of guidelines laid-down in para 6.14 of the Operations Manual duly approved by DGCA. Air India has also not received any report of the stated violation of DGCA guidelines.

(c) and (d) The instructions on the subject already exist and all airlines are required to adhere to.

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†2900. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.